

MINUTES  
OF  
THE BOARD MEETING  
S. C. CONFERENCE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Board Meeting of the thirty-third Annual S. C. Conference on the Status of Women was held Saturday, February 25, 1978, at 10:00 a.m. at the Carolina Town House Motor Inn, Columbia, S. C.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Evelyn Howe.

The following people were present:

Mrs. Evelyn Howe	President
Mrs. Inez Nolan Fripp	First Vice President
Mrs. Ethel Rabinowitz	Second Vice President
Miss Mary Margaret Leavitt	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Martha Dominick	Treasurer
Mrs. Nell Rhoden	Past State President of BPW
Mrs. Dottie Lewis	Past State Corresponding Secretary of BPW
Mrs. Jean Kight	State President of S. C. Fed. of Women's Clubs
Dr. Rosamonde Boyd	Founder & Past Pres., S. C. Conf. on Status of Wom.
Dr. Marguerite Tolbert	Past President, S. C. Conference on Status of Women
Mrs. June Metz	S. C. League of Women Voters
Miss Margaret Givins	American Association of University Women
Mrs. Margaret Lipscomb	Member-at-Large, BPW
Mrs. Mabel Stoudemayer	American Association of University Women
Mrs. Bettye Cecil	Past President of S. C. Division of AAUW

Mary Margaret Leavitt, recording secretary, read the minutes of last year's board meeting, which were approved.

Mrs. Martha Dominick, treasurer, reported a balance of \$97.14 in the treasury.

President Howe read recommendations from the following people:

Mrs. Melba Sprague, chairman of the Fact Finding Committee

1. The conference had great impact at one time, but that time is not the present.
2. She recommends that the Conference needs the cohesiveness of a S. C. Forum or such program to meet annually to discuss women's issues, since the Conference on the Status of Women no longer meets that need.

Mrs. Mabel Stoudemayer, American Association of University Women

1. The S. C. Conference on the Status of Women has outlived its usefulness.
2. It has lost its clout.
3. Pro and Anti ERA efforts have damaged its image.
4. She recommends that the Conference disband in its present concept.

Miss Janet DuBois, Corresponding Secretary

1. Other groups are now actively working toward the same goals and our members are participating in other ways to further the advancement of women's rights.
2. She recommends that this group disband after this meeting.

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Recommendations for the future of the S. C. Conference on the Status of Women were discussed.

Mrs. Evelyn Howe, president, recommends:

1. Organize a loose coalition of many groups which meet as needed and discuss and study mutual interests and concerns.
2. Have all legislative chairmen of many organizations meet periodically for mutual interests and efforts.
3. Change focus and direction--reorganizing present structure.

Dr. Rosamonde Boyd, founder, recommends:

1. Founders from American Association of University Women, S. C. Federation of Women's Clubs, S. C. Business and Professional Women's Clubs, and S. C. ERA would reorganize.
2. Have smaller membership fee, \$2.50 or \$5.00 and then pay \$1.00 for a card to be eligible to vote.
3. Unless people think they will get something out of the organization they won't come.
4. We have not worked hard enough with the S. C. Commission on Status of Women. We should send them our recommendations and let them inform us of their plans.

Dr. Rosamonde Boyd moved that the following organizations, S. C. ERA, S. C. BPW, S. C. AAUW, S. C. Federation of Women's Clubs, S. C. Education Association, and S. C. Chamber of Commerce, will be founders of a loosely organized but coordinated council of organizations for the purpose of advancing qualified leadership in South Carolina to be called S. C. Forum. Mrs. Bettye Cecil seconded the motion which passed.

Mrs. Martha Dominick, chairman of the nominating committee, announced the following new slate of officers:

President	Mrs. Inez Nolan Fripp
First Vice President	Mrs. Dottie Lewis
Second Vice President	Mrs. Bettye Cecil
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Jean Kight
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Georgie Stephenson
Treasurer	Mrs. Frances Patrick

Mrs. Inez Nolan Fripp moved that the present slate of officers will continue to serve until the new organization is established. Dr. Rosamonde Boyd seconded the motion which passed.

Dr. Marguerite Tolbert moved we accept the new slate of officers as information for the present time. The motion was seconded and passed.

*Mary Margaret Leavitt*

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